

Creel Survey

April 14, 2014

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – Anglers are catching spring Chinook and winter steelhead.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 747 winter-run steelhead and seven spring Chinook salmon during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 29 steelhead into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and one steelhead into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 8,980 cubic feet per second on Monday, April 14. Water visibility is ten feet.

Kalama River – Anglers are catching some winter steelhead. Remains closed for spring Chinook.

East Fork Lewis from mouth to top boat ramp at Lewisville Park and Washougal River from mouth to Mt. Norway Bridge – Open to fishing for hatchery steelhead beginning Wednesday April 16. Through the first Friday in June, selective gear rules are in effect; no bait may be used.

Lewis River – No report on angling success for steelhead. Remains closed for spring Chinook. A handful of spring Chinook have returned to the traps as have a couple summer run steelhead.

Wind River – Boat anglers are catching some spring Chinook. A handful of boats here last Saturday afternoon.

Drano Lake – Boat anglers are catching some spring Chinook. About 20 boats here last Saturday afternoon.

Closed to all fishing on Wednesdays through June. Effective April 16 through June 30, bank fishing only west of a line projected from the easternmost pillar of the Hwy. 14 Bridge to a posted marker on the north shore.

Klickitat River – Effort is light on the lower river. Open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturday and Sundays only for hatchery spring Chinook and hatchery steelhead. Daily limit 2.

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Last week we sampled 4,182 salmonid anglers (including 1,389 boats) with 1,060 adult and 4 jack spring Chinook and 4 steelhead. 861 (81%) of the adult Chinook were kept. 721 (84%) of the adult Chinook were sampled. 639 (89%) of the catch was upriver stock based on Visual Stock Identification (VSI).

Effort increased with over 1,900 boats and nearly 1,300 bank anglers counted last Saturday.

From March 1-April 14, an estimated 73,900 angler trips have produced 9,358 Chinook kept and 2,261 released. Just under 7,700 of the fish kept were upriver stock based on VSI.

Prior to the run update, allocation of **upriver fish (including release mortalities)** for non-Indian fisheries will be 10,157 fish for the recreational fishery below Bonneville Dam.

Currently closed to fishing for spring Chinook, steelhead, and shad.

Bonneville Pool – Light effort and no catch was observed.

The Dalles Pool – Bank anglers are beginning to catch some spring Chinook.

John Day Pool – Effort is light.

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam – Effort is light during the current catch-and-release fishery.

The Dalles Pool – Bank and boat anglers are catching some legals. Through March, an estimated 47 (15.7%) of the 300 fish guideline had been taken.

John Day Pool – Boat anglers are catching some legals. An estimated 157 (31.4%) of the 500 fish guideline had been taken through March.

Walleye and Bass

The Dalles Pool – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged a walleye per rod. They were also catching some bass as well.

John Day Pool – Boat anglers about 2/3 of a walleye and 2 bass per rod when including fish released.

Trout

Recent plants. No report on angling success.

BATTLE GROUND LK (CLAR)

Apr 07, 2014 Rainbow 256 0.67 Trout Lodge Commercial Average 1.5 lbs. each.

Apr 07, 2014 Rainbow 2,000 2.32 Goldendale Hatchery

KRESS LK (COWL)

Apr 09, 2014 Rainbow 352 0.67 Trout Lodge Commercial Average 1.5 lbs. each.

Apr 09, 2014 Rainbow 3,658 2.5 Mossyrock Hatchery

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
Bonneville ¹	163	27	51	---						241	21.9%	Mar. 31	1,100
The Dalles	12		35							47	15.7%	Mar. 31	300
John Day	10	14	133							157	31.4%	Mar. 31	500
¹ Due to the short season in Bonneville Pool, we will be providing weekly harvest estimates. We will continue to provide harvest estimates for the other pools on a monthly basis. Bonneville Pool was closed to retention January 20-31 and February 18-23. The winter fishery in Bonneville Pool closed to retention effective March 10. The fishery may re-open during the summer to catch the remainder of the guideline.													
Harvest estimates are calculated monthly. All in-season estimates are preliminary.													
Current month sampled sturgeon kept:													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep				
Bonneville	58	14	13	---						85		Apr. 13	
The Dalles	4		12	2						18		Apr. 13	
John Day	3	5	42	7						57		Apr. 13	
Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.													

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

April 7 - 13, 2014

The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers.
Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

Sturgeon																
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool						14							71	85		
The Dalles Pool	38	10		1	2	3	8	2	34	1	1		15	18		
John Day Pool	25	2				16	28	55	13	5	5	1	41	57		
Total	63	12		1	2	33	36	57	47	6	6	1	127	160		
Salmonids	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2014 Cum Leg Kept		Jacks Kept Week	Cum
Bonneville Pool	3															
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead																
The Dalles Pool	30		1			1							5	6		
Chinook			1													
Coho																
Steelhead						1							5	6		
John Day Pool							1	1					4	4		
Chinook																
Coho																
Steelhead													4	4		
Walleye	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept			
Bonneville Pool																
The Dalles Pool	3					7	5	11	3	8			279	286		
John Day Pool							18	30	8	13			126	126		
Bass	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept			
Bonneville Pool																
The Dalles Pool							2	4	11							
John Day Pool							7	15	31							

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	none	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	81%	214%	30%	240%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.23	0.03	0.79	2.75
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.05	none	0.57	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	82%	150%	79%	257%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.33	none	0.70	2.07
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.06	none	0.43	none

Preliminary Washington lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary
4/15/2014

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Salmonid		Chinook									Chinook								
Month/Week	Bank	Kept	Released			Steelhead			#		Boat	Kept	Released		Steelhead				
	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>Anglers</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Kept</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Other</u>		<u>Boats</u>	<u>Anglers</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Jacks</u>	<u>Kept</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Other</u>
April 7-13	1	452	123	0	33	0	0	0	0		20	48	10	0	2	0	0	0	0
Bonneville																			
Camas/Washougal	2	109	0	0	2	0	0	0	0		149	312	38	0	13	0	0	0	0
	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		197	474	81	0	24	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	4	220	6	0	3	0	0	0	0		275	611	151	0	19	0	0	0	0
Woodland	5	71	1	0	0	0	1	0	0		163	391	107	1	25	0	0	0	0
Kalama	6	66	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		190	447	131	0	30	0	0	0	0
Cowlitz	7									5	15	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	
Longview	8	32	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	211	442	122	0	21	0	0	0	0	
Cathlamet	9	53	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	48	111	28	1	7	0	0	0	0	
private boats/bank charter	10									131	324	60	2	18	0	0	0	0	
	10																		
Total		1007	131	0	38	0	4	0	0	1389	3175	730	4	161	0	0	0	0	

Sturgeon													
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept		# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
Bonneville	1					CLOSED							CLOSED
Camas/Washougal	2					CLOSED							CLOSED
	3					CLOSED							CLOSED
Vancouver	4					CLOSED							CLOSED
Woodland	5					CLOSED							CLOSED
Kalama	6					CLOSED							CLOSED
Cowlitz	7					CLOSED							CLOSED
Longview	8					CLOSED							CLOSED
Cathlamet	9					CLOSED							CLOSED
	10					CLOSED							CLOSED
Deep River + Knappton boats	10					CLOSED							CLOSED
Cathlamet	10					CLOSED							CLOSED
Total		0	0	0	0	CLOSED		0	0	0	0	0	CLOSED

Walleye								
	Bank				#	Boat		
	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>Anglers</u>	<u>Kept</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Boats</u>	<u>Anglers</u>	<u>Kept</u>	<u>Rel.</u>
Bonneville	1							
Camas/Washougal	2							
	3							
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
Total		0	0	0	0	0	0	0